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TITLE "Suture Based Vascular Closure Apparatus and Method Incorporating a Pre-Tied Knot"

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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This responds to the Office Action dated 16 November 2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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